

PARENT GUIDE

5TH-6TH: APRIL 5



First, watch the Bible story video then follow up with these fun activities!

BIBLE STORY: (JESUS PRAYS IN GETHSEMANE)
MATTHEW 26:36-56, SUPPORTING LUKE 22:39-46

BOTTOM LINE

Put others first.

ACTIVITY ONE: ALL THE SMALL THINGS

WHAT YOU NEED: STICKY NOTES, INDEX CARDS OR SCRAPS OF PAPER, TAPE, PENS/PENCILS

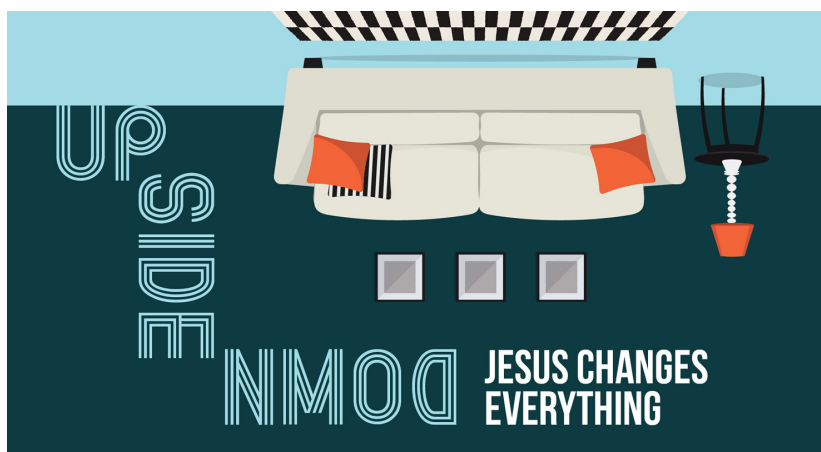
WHAT YOU DO:

Talk together about some different ways you can put others first. Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- Letting someone else choose which movie to watch
- Helping with a chore that's not your responsibility
- Holding a door open for someone
- Taking out trash cans or getting mail for an elderly neighbor
- Doing schoolwork without complaining
- Being patient with family members

What other ideas can you think of? Write each one on a sticky note, index card, or small scrap of paper. Once you have about 7 to 10 ideas, stick them to a wall or lay them out on the floor or table. Ask your kid which idea would be the hardest for them to do, and which one would be the easiest. Then sort the notes into two groups: one for the common examples that tend to come up often, and one for the bigger ideas that might take a bit more planning.

- How do you think the disciples felt when they realized they weren't there for Jesus when He needed them most? (Guilty, sad that they hurt their friend)
- How did Jesus put His friends (and all of us) first? (By dying on the cross to make a way for us to have a relationship with God)
- How have you put someone else first this past week? (Use this moment to encourage your kid by talking about something good you've seen them do this past week.)



MEMORY VERSE

Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourself.

Philippians 2:3 NIRV

ACTIVITY TWO: BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

WHAT YOU DO:

Read the following statements aloud, one at a time, and ask kids to decide if it's true or false.

- Have your child use their bodies to either spell "true" or "false."
- Challenge them to get creative in how they spell true and false, trying not to do it the same way twice!
- If they are super creative, let them try out various ways to communicate "true" or "false," without actually speaking the words aloud.

Discuss any answers the kids don't get correct.

T/F Statements

1. The disciples completely understood what Jesus told them when they ate dinner together. (False, His words didn't make sense to them)
2. The disciples took Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane so they could pray for Him. (False, Jesus took them to the Garden of Gethsemane so that He could pray)
3. Jesus was sad, His soul was tired, and He was not looking forward to what was coming (True)
4. His friends kept watch the whole time Jesus went alone to pray. (False, they fell asleep)
5. Jesus asked God, His Father, to take the suffering away from Him but also trusted God's plan and wanted to do what God wanted. (True)
6. After Jesus woke up His friends and asked them again to keep watch over Him while He prayed, they managed to stay awake and be good friends to Him during His time of need. (False, they fell asleep again!)
7. Judas led the angry mob to Jesus. (True)
8. Peter helped Jesus and saved Him when he used his sword to cut off the priest's ear. (False, Jesus told him to stop and healed the man's ear immediately)
9. Jesus' friends stayed with Him and supported Him while he was arrested and taken away. (False, they ran away, afraid, and left Him.)

PRAY WITH YOUR CHILD TO END YOUR TIME TOGETHER!